

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 2 nd Sunday in Lent	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 2 nd Sunday in Lent	
FRI	9.00am Stations of the Cross	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of 2 nd week in Lent	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 3 rd Sunday in Lent	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 3 rd Sunday in Lent	



ST. THOMAS R.C. CHURCH, KEITH
DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BIRTHPLACE OF ST JOHN OGILVIE



1st March 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent (A II) Psalter Week 2

THE ANNOUNCER!

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Word of God today invites us to catch a glimpse of the promise that lies ahead. We shift from temptation to reflect on the glory that awaits those who overcome them – the hope of everlasting life. God's glory is revealed to us to strengthen us in faith as we journey through life. Today's first reading tells us the story of Abram's call by God to leave his country, kindred and father's house to a place he will be shown. He was asked to let go of security, familiarity, and certainty, and to trust in a promise he couldn't envisage. He moved just because God told him so, though he had no idea of the destination. He trusted God to lead him. This is the story of a courageous faith to which we are called this Lent, to leave behind whatever holds us back from God and journey toward the life He promises.

In the second reading from St Paul's second letter to Timothy, he encourages us not to be ashamed of the Gospel or of suffering for it. He reminded us that our salvation is not earned through our works but is a gift of grace, revealed in Christ Jesus. This grace strengthens us to endure hardship with confidence, knowing that God's saving plan was established long before our struggles began. Our sufferings and travails, when united with Christ, become means of salvation. In the Gospel according to Matthew, we are presented with the story of Jesus' transfiguration. He was transfigured before Peter, James, and John, and God's glory manifested around Him. As His face and clothes became dazzling white, the Father's voice declared: *"This is my beloved Son... listen to him."* At that moment, the disciples saw the glory that lies beyond, and Moses and Elijah in that glory. The transfiguration experience was meant to strengthen the disciples and us, so that when darkness and suffering come, we will know that it is not the end. Jesus reminds us today that those who have faith in Him and journey with Him through the hurdles, trials and uncertainties of life, will reach their promised life. They will have grace and will see the glory of God shine upon them, with the saints on high.

Last week Collection: £404.60 Att: 74

MINISTRIES	1/3/2026	8/3/2026
Church Cleaning	-	Grant & Moir
Counters	Reid	Smith
Welcome	Collins/James	Gray/Coull
Hall keeper	M Collins	K Gray
Sat Reader	R Smith	B Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Hendry
Sun Reader	J Munro, E Reid	T Coull, I Grant
Sun EMoHC	R Harvey, A Mitchell	-
Flowers	None in Lent	None
Teas	Brenda & Mike	Kevin

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Fr. Kingsley

Welcome: to all our visitors, feel free to look around our beautiful church, particularly the St John Ogilvie Chapel & Exhibition.

Hospital Chaplain: Deacon Graeme is very happy to visit parishioners in hospital, but he needs to know if you or a loved one is in that position. Hospitals are not allowed to pass on that information, so please just give him a ring.

Lent: During Lent, Exposition on Fridays will be replaced with Stations of the Cross. Due to travelling distances in our Deanery, Fr Colin has decided we shall have only two Station Masses – the **St John Ogilvie Mass:** To mark the Feast day of Scotland's only post-Reformation Saint. Saturday 7th March, 11 am, and the **Chrism Mass** in St Peter's, Buckie on Thursday 26th March at 6pm. Fr Colin invites us all to attend these special occasions.

Sung Lenten Vespers: Sunday 15th March at 4pm in St Margaret's, Huntly. Hymns, psalms, readings and prayers. All welcome.

Holy Week Ecumenical Services will be in St Thomas's on Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm

SCIAF WEE Boxes SUPPORT SCIAF THIS LENT Across Ethiopia, families are facing the impacts of drought, conflict, and the growing water crisis. With your support, SCIAF can help communities access clean water, restore livelihoods, and build a future free from poverty. To learn more about how your generosity is changing lives this Lent, please visit sciaf.org.uk/weebox If you don't yet have your WEE BOX, please pick one up today.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 6th March 7.30pm will be held in St Rufus this year. All welcome.

Second collections in March: 7/8 Maintenance Fund; 14/15 SCIAF; 21/22 Easter Flowers

Lenten Retreat: early notice – we will host the annual retreat for the 4 parishes here on Saturday 28th March 10am-1pm, ending with lunch. All welcome – not restricted to parishioners. See posters in church porch

Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen Youth Events: Just to let you know that our diocesan youth have many opportunities to come together in Christian fellowship. Listed below are just some of the upcoming events.

6-8 March – S2/3 Power of Grace "Narnia" Retreat in Tomintoul

8-12 June – Mary's Meals Generation Hope Camp for S1 to age 15 cost £382.50, deposit of £100 due on registration

For more information or to register please contact Sr. Angela Marie at op@rcda.scot or telephone 07938729895

Prayer Group: Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Contact: Elizabeth Danby

Tea & coffee in the hall, after Sunday Mass. All welcome.

The Light of the North: the diocesan magazine is now published on line only - accessible via the diocesan website. There are many very interesting articles, some written by our own parishioners.

Communications: on the diocesan website (rcda.scot), if you click Contact on the drop down menu, and scroll down, you will find a pro forma to sign up for the Diocesan newsletter, and to opt in to other communications.

Pope's Prayer Intention: March: For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Safeguarding: The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Elizabeth Danby, and she can be contacted as shown overleaf. The diocesan Safeguarding page can be found at [Safeguarding – Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen \(rcda.scot\)](http://Safeguarding-Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen (rcda.scot)) and the text of **In God's Image (V2)** is accessed through the Bishops Conference website.

Diary Dates	
World Day of Prayer in St Rufus	Fri 6 th Mar 7.30pm
St John Ogilvie Mass	Sat 7 th Mar 11am
Chrism Mass St Peter's Buckie	Thur 26 th Mar 6pm
Parish Lenten Retreat	Sat 28 th Mar 10am
Ecumenical Services in Holy week	M-W 30 th Mar-1 st Apr
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 7 th May 7pm
PPC	Wed 13 th May 7pm



St Thomas' Church is open each day from **10am to 3pm** for private prayer. Please note, the church may not be open on weekdays in the event of severe weather.

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